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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003, with the period for timely response extended by two months, the following amendment is respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.